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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term and thank you for your support in returning our young people to school so successfully. It has been a positive start back after Easter, made easier by some good weather and a feeling of optimism that lockdown is lifting according to the government's roadmap. I hope you have been able to enjoy some of the freedoms which have slowly been returning over the last few weeks.

As I mentioned, the weather is warming up and as of next week I think we will be able to have windows open in classrooms without pupils having to wear their coats and outside clothing whilst inside. As you know, during the cold months we allowed pupils to wear extra layers in classrooms including coats to keep warm whilst we had to maintain ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID. This was far from ideal, but entirely necessary. Now with warmer months upon us pupils will not need to wear any outdoor clothing in classrooms. Pupils should ensure they have their blazer on at all times. They may continue to wear a plain black jumper in addition to their uniform if they feel they may still be cold. We will continue to have windows open in classrooms and maintain good ventilation in accordance with guidance.

Over Easter the government decided that we will need to continue to wear face coverings in classrooms until further notice. Pupils must therefore have face coverings on whilst in classrooms and whilst moving around school. They may remove face coverings whilst in their outdoor areas at lunchtime and breaktime. Please supply a face covering from home where at all possible. We will continue to provide a supply of disposable surgical-type masks in school for pupils who forget.

I will write again shortly to update you on our progress during this final term. Parents of pupils in year 11 will be receiving communication from Mr Chapman regarding final plans for GCSE grades very shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr Nick Walmsley **Principal**

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